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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Baggett, Silas & Ellen, House

other names/site number #16

2. Location

street & number 1018 North Main [NA] not for publication

city/town Belton [NA] vicinity

state Texas code TX County Bell code 027 zip code 76513

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Contributing	
Property			
Noncontributing			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945

Number of contributing resources  
previously listed in NR 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [XX] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [XX] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register Criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: Curtis J. Funnell  
Texas Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date: 29 Oct. 1990

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting or other official  
State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

- I, hereby certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register
[ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined eligible for the National Register
[ ] See continuation sheet.
[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register
[ ] removed from the National Register
[ ] other (explain):

entered in the National Register
Signature of Keeper: Alma Byrne
Date of Action: 12/20/90



6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Queen Anne

Materials

foundation WOOD

walls WOOD: weatherboard shingles

roof ASPHALT: composition shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[ ] See continuation sheet.

The Silas and Ellen Baggett House is a 2 1/2-story, exuberant Queen Anne style wood frame house with a projecting chamfered bay and corner tower. It is a mirror image of the Ele Baggett House across North Main and takes a similar form to the Morey House on the same street. It faces east on a large lot in a neighborhood of late 19th- and early 20th-century houses in North Belton. Numerous large deciduous trees and shrubs surround the house.

The Baggett House is based on a modified L-plan with a projecting wing on the northeast facade and a square tower on the southeast corner. The main roof mass is hipped with multiple gables projecting over the wings and bays of the house. The principal facade is asymmetrically composed with a large 2-story gallery at the center, flanked on either side by a gabled wing and bell-roofed tower. An ornate gabled dormer projects centrally from the roof above the gallery. The primary wall finish is weatherboard, but decorative shingles and milled trim are heavily used in the Queen Anne fashion. The windows are 2/2 double hung with wood frames. The bay and tower have art glass windows on the first floor. The main entry has a transom and ornamental hood mold and the various gables are decorated with typical Queen Anne sunburst or fishscale ornament. A small outbuilding on the site is considered Noncontributing.



8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [XX] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria [ ]A [ ]B [XX]C [ ]D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) [ ]A [ ]B [ ]C [ ]D [ ]E [ ]F [ ]G NA

Areas of Significance Architecture Period of Significance c. 1890 Significant Dates NA

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Cultural Affiliation NA

Significant Person(s) NA Architect/Builder unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. [ ] See continuation sheet.

The Silas and Ellen Baggett House, together with the Ele Baggett House, illustrates the use of stock house plans and patternbooks in the construction of ornate late-Victorian middle class houses. The house was probably built in the early 1890s and is one of the best surviving examples of the Queen Anne style in Belton. Contextually the property relates to Community and Regional Development, specifically to the growth and prosperity of Belton as a result of the cattle boom after the Civil War. The house is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, significant in the area of Architecture, as one of the finest and most intact Queen Anne style houses in the city.

The Silas and Ellen Baggett House was built about 1890 for local cattle baron and businessman Silas Baggett and his wife. Baggett (1822-1897) arrived in Bell County before the Civil War and bought a large parcel of land near Howard, approximately five miles northwest of Temple. The ranch became a stopping point on the north-south stage route and the Chisholm trail which ran near the property. After the Civil War, Baggett and his two sons Ele and Monroe, organized cattle drives to Kansas and Montana. With the profits earned from this and other ventures, Baggett built this large home. His son Ele built a house which is almost a mirror image of it across the street.

The Silas and Ellen Baggett House exemplifies the prosperity of Belton during the 1880s and '90s related to ranching and the display of wealth made by the cattle barons in the construction of their residences. It also illustrates the increased use of patternbooks and marketed house plans as the basis for Queen Anne houses. The design of the two Baggett Houses suggests the work of George F. Barber and other architects selling plans at the time through published catalogues. Likely it is the work of a local builder who was familiar with such publications and probably borrowed floor plans and design motifs from them.



9. Major Bibliographical References

[ ] See continuation sheet.

Please see bibliography accompanying context statement "Community Development in Belton, Texas, 1850-1945."

Previous documentation on file (NPS): NA  
 [ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
 [ ] previously listed in National Register  
 [ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 [ ] designated a National Historic Landmark  
 [ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 [ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:  
 [XX] State historic preservation office  
 [ ] Other State agency  
 [ ] Federal agency  
 [ ] Local government  
 [ ] University  
 [ ] Other  
 Specify repository:  
Texas Historical Commission

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A [14] [647740] [3437920]  
 Zone Easting Northing  
 C [ ] [ ] [ ]

B [ ] [ ] [ ]  
 Zone Easting Northing  
 D [ ] [ ] [ ]

Verbal Boundary Description

[ ] See continuation sheet

Lot 3, Block 4, Embree & Key's Addition

Boundary Justification

[ ] See continuation sheet

The legal description consistent with current ownership and most closely associated with historic ownership of the property.

11. Form Prepared By

(based on research by Sally Victor, Victor & Victor Consultants)  
 Name/Title Chris Long, Historian (with Tory Laughlin Taylor, Architectural Historian)

Organization Texas Historical Commission, NR Programs date August 1990

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11/14/90

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Continuation Sheet

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Belton MPS Bell County, TEXAS

DATE LISTED

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3. Baggett, Silas and Ellen, House

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Substantive Review

5. Beamer, William, House

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6. Belton Academy

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7. Belton Commercial Historic District

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8.30.94

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21. Hammersmith, John P., House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Baggett, Silas and Ellen, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Belton MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bell

DATE RECEIVED: 11/14/90      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/30/90  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/16/90      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/29/90  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001881

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	N	SAMPLE:	N	SLR DRAFT:	N	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    12/26/90 DATE

Entered in the  
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period      Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph  
 completeness  
 clarity  
 applicable criteria  
 justification of areas checked  
 relating significance to the resource  
 context  
 relationship of integrity to significance  
 justification of exception  
 other

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTM's       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF BELTON, TEXAS  
SILAS & ELLEN BAGGETT HOUSE  
1018 N. MAIN ST.  
BELTON, BELL CO., TEXAS

NEGATIVE WITH CONSULTANT  
PHOTO 16 OF 38

23  
Site No. 290  
Address 1018 N. Main  
View oblique

Belton, Texas  
Historic Sites Survey, 1985  
VICTOR AND VICTOR CONSULTANTS, INC.  
P.O. Box 26189  
AUSTIN, TEXAS



Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500627